# MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2004 PREVAILING WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Attendees:

- 1. Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee Members: Rick Slunaker (Associated General Contractors), Randy Dubigk (Department of Transportation), Dave Johnson (Building Construction Trades Council), Bruce Chattin (Washington Aggregate and Concrete Association) and Jeff Soth (IOUE Local 302).
- 2. L & I Staff: Rich Ervin, Trista Zugel, Suzanne Mager, and Josh Swanson,
- 3. Other Participants: Miriam Israel Moses, David Chase, Jill Reinmuth, Dick Springer, Dave O'Meara, Earl Smith, and Philip Lindquist.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Due Date
Opening Remarks	Rich Ervin opened the meeting		
muoductions	and led introductions		
Review and approve minutes from last meeting Updates: PWAC Membership Budget/Legislation PWIA/Processing PWIA Kiosk Pilot Workers' Comp and PW Data Letter from PWAC to legislators Surveys	Minutes were approved.  PWAC Membership. Josh informed the committee that Jeff Soth would be taking Alan Darr's place on the committee.  Budget/Legislation. Josh provided handouts on the current state of the PW budget. He also informed the committee that the budget packages will be releasable once, and if, approved by the Governor's office.  PWIA/Processing. Josh provided an update on the current PWIA and processing statistics. Currently, more than 60% of our forms are being processed online	Provide leg and budget package	Once approved by the Governor's Office
	and we are currently at 3-4 days out for paper forms. Josh also informed the committee that additional enhancements to the		
	system will be coming in November.		
	PWIA KIOSK Pilot. The KIOSK is up and running in the Yakima	Do outreach	October

L&I office. We will be doing outreach in that area to ensure contractors know this service exists.  Workers' Comp and PW Data.  Josh informed the committee that the agency is continuing to utilize the "crossmatch" efforts to identify and collect outstanding premiums.		
Letter from PWAC to legislators. Rick informed the department that the letter will be ready and sent out prior to session. Josh informed the committee that at their request the letters w/ attachments were sent to those legislators that weren't originally provided them.	PWAC to send letter to legislators	December
Surveys. Josh informed the committee that we are taking steps to complete some surveys in the fall and that we were in the process of identifying the trades. This process requires us to look to the most dated and in need of surveying as well as we have some litigation that is on-going that may affect some of these decisions. Rick stated that were issues with some of the surveys that have been done and that we should consider redoing those as well. The department committed to providing a list of the trades that we intend to survey at the next meeting for discussion.	Discuss/present trades to be surveyed  REVISED Per 12/04 Mtg.: Trades to be surveyed: Electrician – Power Line Construction, Power Line Tree Trimmers, Outside Telephone Line Construction, Electronic and Telecommunications Technicians.	October 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec-Jan

Other Business:  Prevailing Wage Panel Discussion  Safeharbor/Internet Support Changes  Schedule a Budget Presentation Mtg.  Other Items	Prevailing Wage Panel  Discussion. Josh discussed the fact that we are intending to host a panel discussion with various committee and legislative staff. The basic agenda would be for the department to provide a presentation on prevailing wage and for the members of the committee to be able to provide their viewpoints on PW and answer questions from the staff. We are intending to host this at the end of October. We will discuss in more detail the substance of this even at our Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> special mtg.	Discuss and set agenda also set date.  Tentatively we are holding October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9AM in Tumwater	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Safeharbor/Internet support changes. Josh informed the committee that we have a new 3 <sup>rd</sup> party (Safeharbor) Internet support system. The web has been changed to attempt to assist users to identify the answers to their questions without direct PW staff intervention.		
	Schedule a Budget Presentation  Mtg. Josh informed the committee that we need to have a mtg. so that the department can present to the committee budget information relating to indirect charges. This has come about from an audit finding by the State Auditor's office as to the spending and contributions associated with indirect and administrative related charges.	Budget presentation mtg.	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Other Items. The committee provided feedback with it's dislike as to how the agency's Internet page is organized and asked Josh to pass this message on to the appropriate people.	Josh to send note to Webmaster	September

Next Meetings	The next PWAC Special meeting	
	will be held in Tumwater on	
	October 15 <sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00	
	PM. The next regular meeting	
	will be held in Tukwila on	
	December 16, 2004, from 9:30	
	AM to 12:00 PM in the	
	Classroom.	ļ

## **Addendum to Minutes:**

Two additional meetings with the PWAC were held between the 9/04 mtg. and the 12/04 mtg. Below is the date, title, and a summary of the meetings that occurred:

### 10/15/04 Budget Presentation Meeting.

A meeting was held with members of the PWAC to inform them about the agencies budget request relating to a State Auditor's Office (SAO) finding that L&I needed to fund its indirect and direct costs through the program areas that used them. The SAO found that Workers' Compensation funding was being used to fund indirect and other related charges that should have been paid for by the program areas that used them. The L&I budget office provided a briefing on the process and the impacts of these additional costs to the Prevailing Wage and other L&I program areas. Various pieces of information were provided to the PWAC to explain the change and impacts.

## 10/27/04 Prevailing Wage Panel Discussion Meeting.

The PWAC held a meeting with several legislative staff members. L&I and the PWAC provided a presentation on what Prevailing Wage is, what the program does, and the Transportation legislation that passed in 2002 and 2003 that impact the Prevailing Wage program. L&I also provided information on the impacts of this legislation and the L&I budget and legislative packages that have been sought to provide the Prevailing Wage program with the additional resources to respond to the legislative mandates established by the transportation legislation and to meet the demands of our customers. Members from the PWAC and others from the industry provided the attendees with their respective positions and perspectives relating to prevailing wage and the need for the additional funding for the program. Several questions were asked and answered by members of the PWAC, L&I and industry stakeholders.